



Worship Service for
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
February 2, 2025

**The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.
Philippians 4:23**

Prelude “Steal Away to Jesus”

R. Haan

Choral Introit “We Have Come into His House/Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

Greeting & Welcome

***Mutual Greeting**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
And also with you.
Philippians 1:2

**To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.
Philippians 4:20**

***Call to Worship**

O Lord, open our lips;
And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
O God, make speed to save us;
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

Praise the Lord.
The Lord's Name be praised.

***Hymn of Worship** “God is Known Among His People”

LUYH 284 vs 1,3,4

***The Psalm**

Psalm 28

To you, O Lord, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me, lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.

Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help, when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary. Do not drag me off with the wicked, with the workers of evil, who speak peace with their neighbors while evil is in their hearts. Give to them according to their work and according to the evil of their deeds; give to them according to the work of their hands; render them their due reward. Because they do not regard the works of the Lord or the work of his hands, he will tear them down and build them up no more.

Blessed be the Lord! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy. The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him. The Lord is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed. Oh, save your people and bless your heritage! Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

***Song of Praise "Sing to the King"**

LUYH 474

**Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
Philippians 1:2**

The Prayer of Confession

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices, and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and apart from your grace, there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Spare all those who confess their faults. Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

**Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ.
Philippians 1:27**

The Assurance of Salvation

It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

Therefore, since you have been justified by faith, you have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 4:24-5:1

***Song of Assurance** “The Lord is King, Enthroned in Might”

LUYH 726 vs 1,3

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:6

***The Blessing for Children**

For we are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39

(Children 4 years- 5th Grade are invited to follow the banner for Walk Out Worship.
Children are dismissed at 11:20 from their classrooms located near the nursery.)

Holding fast to the word of life.

Philippians 2:16

Song of Illumination “Speak O Lord”

LUYH 755 vs 1,2

The Scripture Reading Philippians 1:18-26

p. 980

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

The Sermon “Perspective”

Therefore, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth.

Philippians 2:9-11

Communion

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. Ephesians 4:4-6

The Prayers of the People

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

He is worthy to be praised.

You are indeed worthy, Lord God, to receive all glory and honor and power; for you created all things and by your will they existed and were created. But especially we praise you, heavenly Father, for our Savior Jesus Christ, bright image of your glory, and your eternal Word, who took the form of a servant, was born in our likeness, and died for us on the cross. By his death he has offered the one perfect sacrifice, all that was needed to take away the sins of the world. There he met in full all the demands of your righteousness. By his rising to life, he has restored us to life eternal, and has given us your promised Holy Spirit, the guarantee of our inheritance:

Therefore with your whole creation and with all your people since time began, we honor and glorify you, with words of never-ending praise,

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

On the night he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

This bread we break is a participation in the body of Christ.

Thank you, Father, for making us one with Christ.

In the same way he took the cup saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed by my blood. Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me."

This cup for which we give thanks is a participation in the blood of Christ.

Thank you, Father, for making us yours forever.

Come, let us take this sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Communion Songs: "O Christ, Our Hope, Our Hearts Desire"
"He Will Hold Me Fast"
"In Christ Alone"

LUYH 828 vs 1-4
Habershon/Merker
LUYH 770

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

**And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:19**

The Offering Cadet's Grand Haven Club

Choral Offertory "Ceaseless Praise (You Are Holy)"

Malan/Metzger

**And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:7**

***Closing Hymn** “To God Be the Glory”

LUYH 956

***Benediction**

Postlude Trumpet Voluntary

R. Brunner

Credits & Liturgical Notes

Preaching: Rev. Tim Blackmon

Guitar: Jim Dow

Organ & Choir Director: Jean Schuitman

Piano & Vocals: Julie Hordyk, Jennifer Fortosis

We display all music on the screen and LUYH (red hymnal) in the pew rack; OneLicense.net #A-721176, CCLI#7750

Welcome Guests:

Welcome visitors, we are glad you are here! Please fill out a Guest Registration Card (in the pew rack) and place it in the offering basket or scan the back of this bulletin for an online form. Also, join us for coffee and cookies after church so we can meet you!

This Sunday:

Special Offering: Cadet’s Grand Haven Club is a ministry for boys in 2nd- grades. This year’s theme is “Lead the Way” based on 1st Timothy 4:12, “Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.”

Walk Out Worship: This week, we will welcome our children back to the sanctuary for Communion. Due to the abbreviated time in W.O.W., children will have time for singing, engage in their weekly liturgy, review past stories and have a response time. When we take this time to reflect more on the stories we've heard, we can notice the goodness of God.

Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude:

Thank you for the cards and prayers concerning the passing away of Karen's father, Andrew Machiela.~ *Karen and Mike Katje*

Please continue to pray for *Wes (and Mary) Willink*. He had a successful procedure on Monday and is still at Trinity Health Muskegon.

Please continue to pray for *Ray Kuiper*. He has returned to the Laurels of Hudsonville.

Please continue to keep *Ron & Carol Brouwer, Cyndie Van Dyke, Glen Wierenga* and *Sharon Wolters* in your prayers.

Midweek Gathering:

Our Winter Midweek Gathering began this past Wednesday. You are welcome to join for dinners or a study in the weeks to come.

Join Pastor Tim for “*Read, Mark, Learn*” a five week study to equip you with the tools to deepen your understanding and experience of God’s Word through daily Bible reading.

Join Jeff Munroe’s session on the book *Telling Stories in the Dark*, copies are still available in the office with a suggested donation of \$20.

Join a Small Group, led by Hank Byma, copies of the book “*Praying Like Monks, Living Like Fools*” are available in the office with a suggested donation of \$10.

Register online at <https://secondcrc-ghmi.churchcenter.com> or take a Printed Sign-Up Form found at the Welcome Desk and fill it out.

Church Announcements:

Congregational Town Hall: Pastor Tim and Jim Warners, Council Chair, will host a Town Hall on Sunday February 9 at 11:30am. They will give an update on the Staff & Council Retreat, Strategic Planning and Staff positions. More information to follow.

Book Club: We will meet on Monday, Feb. 17 at 1:30pm in the parlor. Book discussion will be “The Great Divorce” by C.S. Lewis.

Handbell Choir: Rehearsals will resume on Sunday Feb. 2 at 11:30 am. New members are always welcome. If you have questions, please contact Jean Schuitman at morbaroque@gmail.com.

Ping Pong Group: We meet on Mondays at 1:30pm in the church basement.

Sanctuary Choir: Rehearsals will continue February 6 at 7 pm. New members are always welcome. If you have questions, please contact Jean Schuitman at morbaroque@gmail.com

SWAN’s: February is a time for fun and fellowship, so let’s get together for Bunco and snacks, on February 18 at 1pm in the North Hall at church. Hope to see everyone there!

Tool Time Men's Bible Study: We will continue Saturday February 15 at 8am.
Future Dates: Mar. 1, 15, 29, Apr. 12 & 26, and May 10 & 24. If you have any questions,
please contact Tony Razzini at razzini@att.net.

Vacation Bible School: Save the Dates of July 14–17, 2025. Calling all kids to join us for
"True North: An Alaskan Adventure" where kids will explore Jesus as their unshakable guide in
our wild world. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for registration details!

We are Hiring: We are looking for a *Worship Coordinator* to begin in April or May. If you
know someone with musical talents and experience in leading worship, please have them
contact [Amy Wolffis](#) for the job description.

Volunteer Schedule

February 2, 2025

Projection: Eric Wolffis

Video: Chuck DeWitt, Ian Clapp, Jay Brace, Jason Zuidema

Sound: Mike Katje

Ushers: Curt DeJongh (Team 2) Chris Hordyk Chris VanStratt, Pierce Van Stratt

Coffee Hosts: Rick & Darcie Clapp - Calvin Bassett; Bev Assink

Nursery: Kathy Westveld Victoria McCarthy

Little Lambs: Manette deJonge, Vivian McCarthy

Walk Out 4s-1st: Rob/Joslyn W., Kyla Zuidema

Walk Out 2nd-5th: Annie Hoekzema, Ian Clap

Greeters: Deborah Erickson, Ryan & Victoria McCarthy

Offering: Cadets- Grand Haven Club

February 9, 2025

Projection: Renee Mulder

Video: Gary Roelofs, Jim Query, Mark Boelens, Ethan Hodge

Sound: Rick Clapp

Ushers: Ken Terpstra (Team 3), Jamie Goorman, Les Lewis, Brian Bierma

Coffee Hosts: David & Sandra Brace; Ron & Carol Brouwer

Nursery: Kerry Bierma, Mary Terpstra

Little Lambs: Sheila Warners, Jenn Steigenga

Walk Out 4s-1st: Marie Rycenga, Reed VanStratt

Walk Out 2nd-5th: Cindy Brace, Gabe Schaaf

Greeters: Steve Marotti, Dan & Melissa Meindersma

Offering: Mobility Worldwide (West Michigan)

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Calendar

Sunday, February 2

10:00 AM – Sunday Service

Monday, February 3

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1:30 PM– Ping Pong

Tuesday, February 4

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

7 PM - Leadership Board

Wednesday, February 5

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1:00 PM – Knitting / Craft Club

5:30 PM – Midweek Dinner

6:30 PM- Midweek Studies

7 PM – CHAOS

Thursday, February 6

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

Friday, February 7

Saturday, February 8

Sunday, February 9

10:00 AM–Sunday Service

11:30 AM - Town Hall

Give Online:



Guest Registration:

